

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, Claims 1-23 were rejected. Claims 24 and 25 were objected to as being a dependant upon a rejected base claim (Claim 23), but were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectively disagrees with the bases of the rejections. However, in response to the Office Action, applicant has cancelled Claims 1-22, and has amended Claim 23 to contain the allowable subject matter from Claim 24. Amended Claim 23 therefore corresponds to Claim 24 rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, there having been no intervening claims. Claim 24 has consequently been cancelled, while Claim 25 depends from Claim 23. The claims remaining in the application (Claims 23 and 25) are therefore believed to be allowable.

Applicant respectively requests entry of this amendment after final rejection, since it places the claims in condition for allowance for reasons stated in the Office Action.

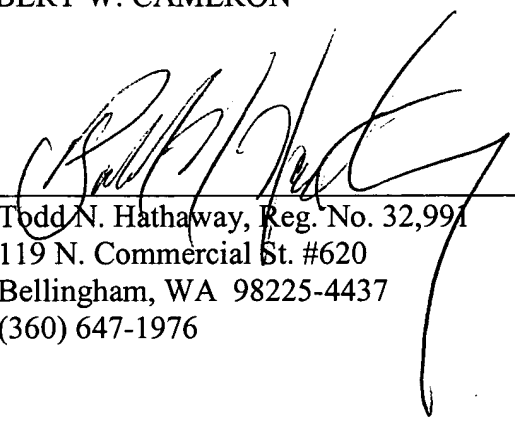
Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein. If there is any matter that can be expedited by consultation with Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number given below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 14th day of
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Respectfully submitted,

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